

# Fish and Wildlife CSP Questionnaire

## Middle South Platte Watersheds

Answer the following questions to determine if minimum eligibility criteria for fish and wildlife resources in CSP are met. Suitable answers are "Yes" or "No". Any "No" answer may disqualify an individual from meeting the minimum eligibility criteria for wildlife and further investigation may be needed.

	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Rangeland: Do you have rangeland in the area you wish to enroll in CSP? If "Yes" answer the following 5 questions. If "No", go to Cropland.</b>			
1) Do you manage your rangeland to maintain or increase a diversity of native legumes, forbs and shrubs in your rangeland?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Do you have at least 2 inches (short grass sites) or 6 inches (mid to tall grass sites) of standing grass/forb cover over winter and through nesting season on your rangeland? (averaged over site)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Do you scout for and manage noxious weeds on your rangeland?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Do you exclude livestock, defer grazing, or control access to all aquatic habitats (lakes, ponds, playas, wetlands, and streams) in order to protect wildlife habitat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) Do you maintain a minimum 25 foot buffer around all aquatic habitats?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6) If you have a stream (intermittent and/or perennial) or riparian area in the area you wish to enroll in CSP, go to the SVAP section on page 3, answer the questions found there, then continue with the rest of the questionnaire.			
<b>Cropland: Do you have cropland in the area you wish to enroll in CSP? If "Yes" answer the following 9 questions. If "No", go to Hayland.</b>	Yes	No	N/A
1) Do you maintain standing stubble at least 8 inches tall on at least 50% your crop acreage over winter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Is there other vegetative cover* in or adjacent to the cropland equal to 10% or more of the cropped acres (minimum of 4 acres)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Is at least 50% of your cropland within 800 feet of the other vegetative cover*?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Does your other vegetative cover* contain at least 10% forbs and/or shrubs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) Do you leave your other vegetative cover* undisturbed (i.e. areas should not be mowed, grazed, disked, or subject to other similar disturbances) during critical wildlife overwintering, nesting and brood-rearing periods?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6) Do you use spot herbicide treatments to control noxious weeds in your other vegetative cover?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7) If lakes, ponds, playas, or wetlands are present, do you maintain a minimum 25 foot non-tilled or grass buffer around the wet area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8) If you have a stream (intermittent and/or perennial) or riparian area in the area you wish to enroll in CSP, go to the SVAP section on page 3, answer the questions found there, then continue with the rest of the questionnaire.			
<b>Hayland: Do you have hayland in the area you wish to enroll in CSP? If "Yes" answer either the Hayed Areas <u>or</u> Non-Hayed Areas questions. If "No" go to Pasture.</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Hayed Areas</b>			
1) A. Do you leave at least 50% of your hayland unharvested until after July 15 <sup>th</sup> <b>OR</b> B. Do you harvest after June 15 <sup>th</sup> utilizing wildlife friendly harvesting techniques, e.g. flushing bars or harvest from the center out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2)	Do you leave at least 6 inches of standing grass/legume over winter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)	If lakes, ponds, playas, or wetlands are present, do you maintain a minimum 25 foot non-tilled or grass buffer around the wet area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Non-Hayed Areas</b>				
4)	Is at least 50% of your hayland within 800 feet of the non-hayland vegetative cover?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5)	Is there non-hayland vegetative cover** in or adjacent to hayland equal to 10% of hayland acres (minimum of 4 acres)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6)	Does your non-hayland vegetative cover** contain at least 10% forbs and/or shrubs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7)	Do you use spot herbicide treatments to control noxious weeds in your non-hayland vegetative cover?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8)	Do you leave non-hayland vegetative cover** undisturbed (i.e. areas should not be mowed, grazed, disked, or subject to other similar disturbances) during critical wildlife overwintering, nesting and brood-rearing periods?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9)	If lakes, ponds, playas, or wetlands, are present, do you maintain a minimum 25 foot wide buffer of unhayed vegetation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10)	If you have a stream (intermittent and/or perennial) or riparian area in the area you wish to enroll in CSP, go to the SVAP section on page 3, answer the questions found there, then continue with the rest of the questionnaire.			
<b>Pasture: Do you have pasture in the area you wish to enroll in CSP? If "Yes" answer the following 11 questions. If "No" you are finished.</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>
1)	Does your pasture contain at least one type of grass and at least one type of legume or other perennial forb?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2)	Do you have a grazing plan for your pastures that addresses fish and wildlife concerns?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)	Do you leave at least 6 inches of standing grass/legume cover over winter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)	Do you defer grazing on at least 50% of your pasture acreage until after June 1 or, if you hay your pastures, do you leave at least 50% of the acreage uncut until after July 15 or utilize wildlife friendly techniques when harvesting after June 15?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5)	Is there non-pasture vegetative cover*** in or adjacent to the pasture equal to 10% or more of the pasture acres (minimum 4 acres)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6)	Does your non-pasture vegetative cover*** contain at least 10% forbs and/or shrubs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7)	Do you use spot herbicide treatments to control noxious weeds in your non-pasture vegetative cover*?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8)	Do you leave non-pasture vegetative cover*** undisturbed (i.e. areas should not be mowed, grazed, disked, or subject to other similar disturbances) during critical wildlife overwintering, nesting and brood-rearing periods?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9)	If lakes, ponds, playas, or wetlands, are present, do you exclude or provide livestock a controlled access point?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10)	Do you maintain a minimum 25 foot buffer around all aquatic areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11)	If you have a stream (intermittent and/or perennial) or riparian area in the area you wish to enroll in CSP, go to the SVAP section on page 3, answer the questions found there, then continue with the rest of the questionnaire.			

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- \* Other vegetative cover includes other crop, grassy areas, grassed waterways, odd areas, wetlands, brushy draws, CRP, hedgerows, seeps, riparian areas, field borders, center pivot uncropped dry corners with cover, windbreaks, grassed road ditches, etc. that are managed for wildlife. Do not count field roads as these other vegetative covers.

**For Example:** If your crops are small grains, you may count different types of crops such as hay, pasture, range, sunflower, or corn as non-cropland cover.

- \*\* Non--hayland vegetative cover includes other crop, grassy areas, grassed waterways, odd areas, wetlands, brushy draws, CRP, hedgerows, seeps, riparian areas, field borders, center pivot uncropped dry corners with cover, grassed road ditches, and windbreaks that are managed for wildlife. Do not count field roads as these other vegetative covers.

**For Example:** You may count small grains, pasture, range, sunflower, or corn as non-hayland cover.

- \*\*\* Non- pasture vegetative cover includes other crop, grassy areas, grassed waterways, odd areas, wetlands, brushy draws, CRP, hedgerows, seeps, riparian areas, field borders, center pivot uncropped dry corners with cover, grassed road ditches, and windbreaks that are managed for wildlife. Do not count field roads as these other vegetative covers.

**For Example:** You may count small grains, hayland, range, sunflower, or corn as non-pasture cover.

	Yes	No	N/A
<b>SVAP Questions: Answer the following questions if you have a stream (intermittent and/or perennial) or riparian area on the proposed property.</b>			
1) Have you discontinued straightening, dredging, or other channel disturbances and are any dikes or levees set back to allow stream flows to inundate floodplains during high flows? If your stream has never been straightened, channelized, dredged, etc. answer yes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) If you divert water from the stream, do you leave enough water to maintain instream flows during the diversion period?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Does natural vegetation extend at least half of the channel width on each side of the stream? Natural vegetation does not include hay and crop fields and grazed pastures.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Are > 33 % of the stream banks moderately stable, at an elevation generally close to that of the natural floodplain and with little or only minor active erosion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) Is your stream free of any drop structures, culverts, dams or diversions greater than one foot height?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**I certify that the information provided on the preceding pages is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge:**

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**Applicant**

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**Date**